

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

KENNETH THOMAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

C. JOHNSON, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:22-cv-01918-GMN-NJK

ORDER

This action began with a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Docket No. 4. Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter.

The Court entered a screening order on December 30, 2022. Docket No. 5. The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. Docket Nos. 5, 8. The parties did not settle at mediation. Docket No. 10.

Plaintiff has filed a motion for appointment of counsel. Docket No. 11. The Court will address this motion in a separate order.

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Docket No. 4, is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff is not required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of **Kenneth Thomas**,

1 **#83545** to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding
2 month's deposits (in months that the account exceeds \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been
3 paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division
4 of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will send a copy of this order to the attention of **Chief of Inmate**
5 **Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections** at formapauperis@doc.nv.gov.

6 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a copy
7 of Plaintiff's complaint, Docket No. 6, on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada
8 by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This does not indicate
9 acceptance of service.

10 5. Service must be perfected no later than **July 20, 2023**, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.
11 4(m).

12 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order, Docket No. 5, no later than **May 12,**
13 **2023**, the Attorney General's Office shall file a notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the
14 names of the defendants for whom it accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it
15 does not accept service, and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-
16 address information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
17 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve the
18 inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such information.
19 If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney General's Office
20 shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

21 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff shall file
22 a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a summons, and specifying
23 a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General
24 has not provided last-known-address information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address
25 for the defendant(s).

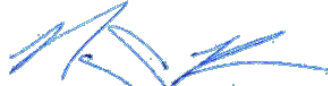
26 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named defendant(s), such
27 defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the complaint, Docket No. 6, no
28 later than **June 20, 2023**.

1 9. Plaintiff must serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered by
2 counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other document submitted for
3 consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a document with the Court's electronic-
4 filing system, no certificate of service is required. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B); LR IC 4-1(b); LR
5 5-1. However, if Plaintiff mails the document to the Court, Plaintiff must include with the original
6 document submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the
7 document was mailed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has entered a
8 notice of appearance, Plaintiff must direct service to the individual attorney named in the notice of
9 appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein. The Court may disregard any
10 document received by a district judge or magistrate judge which has not been filed with the Clerk,
11 and any document received by a district judge, magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include
12 a certificate showing proper service when required.

13 10. The Court will address Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel, Docket No.
14 11, in a separate order.

15 11. This case is no longer stayed.

16 DATED: April 21, 2023.

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20 NANCY J. KOPPE
21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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